

as soon as convenient,
& I beg you, to
answer favorably.

I think this is
a rare opportunity
for great good to be
done, & that no
one can do just
this good so well
as yourself.

Very truly yours,
J. M. Hopkins,

New Haven
March 27, 1799

Dr Gray

Dear Sir;

Our faculty
cannot bear to think
of your declining to
lecture. The
lectures are not
popular but strictly
academic, to
be delivered in

our Margaret
Chapel which seats
only some 250,
so that you can
talk to the students
freely, as you would
to your own. Now,
my dear Prof. Gray,
could you not allow
us to put your
name on our 'Circular'
with a good hope
that you will give

two next year
two lectures?

The subject is one
of real & pressing
importance, & we wish
our young men to
go forth with some
sounder & deeper ideas
on the relations of
science & theology
to truth, than they now
possess. We want
the words of a 'master'
in these things.

Please answer